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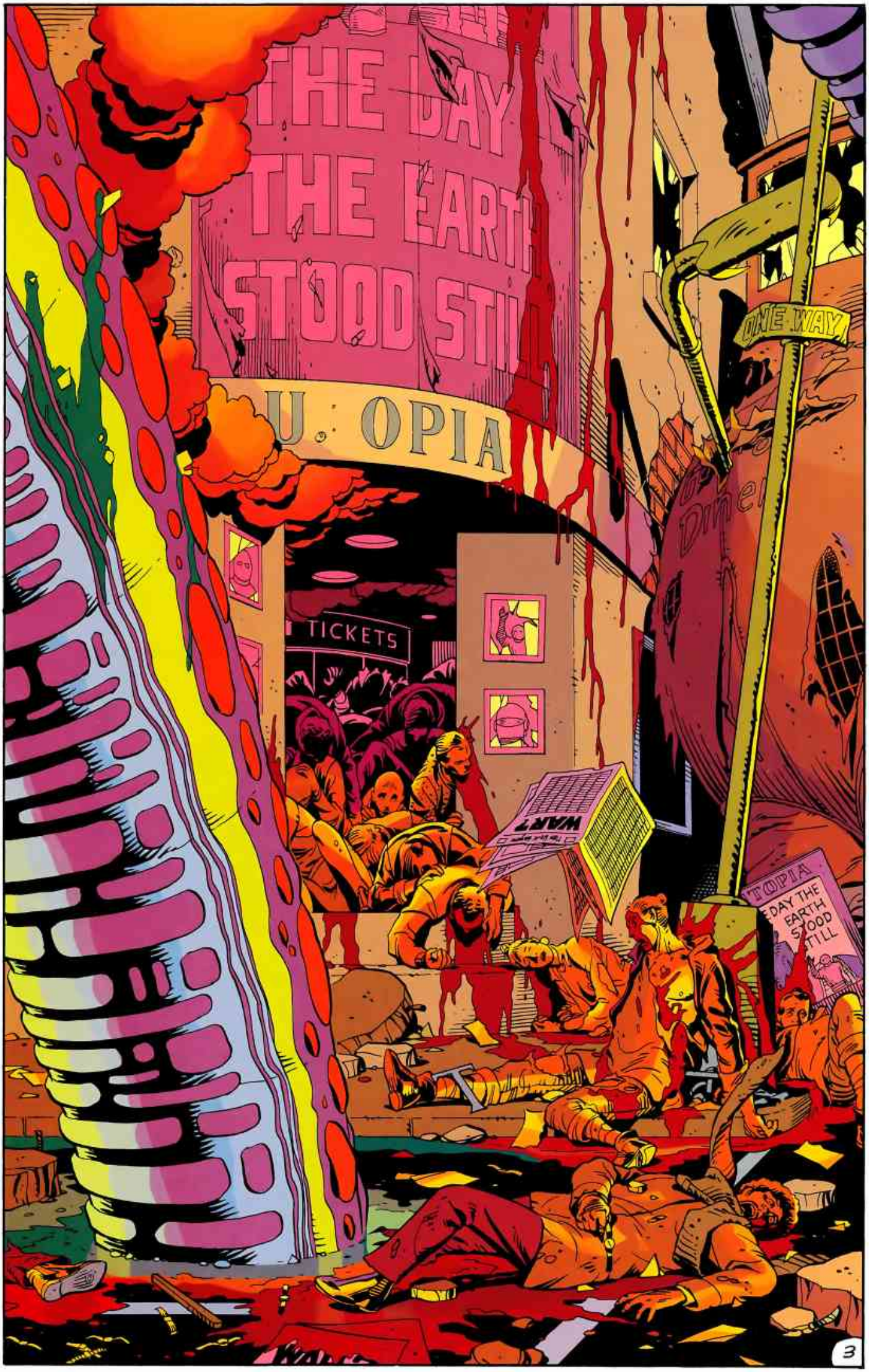
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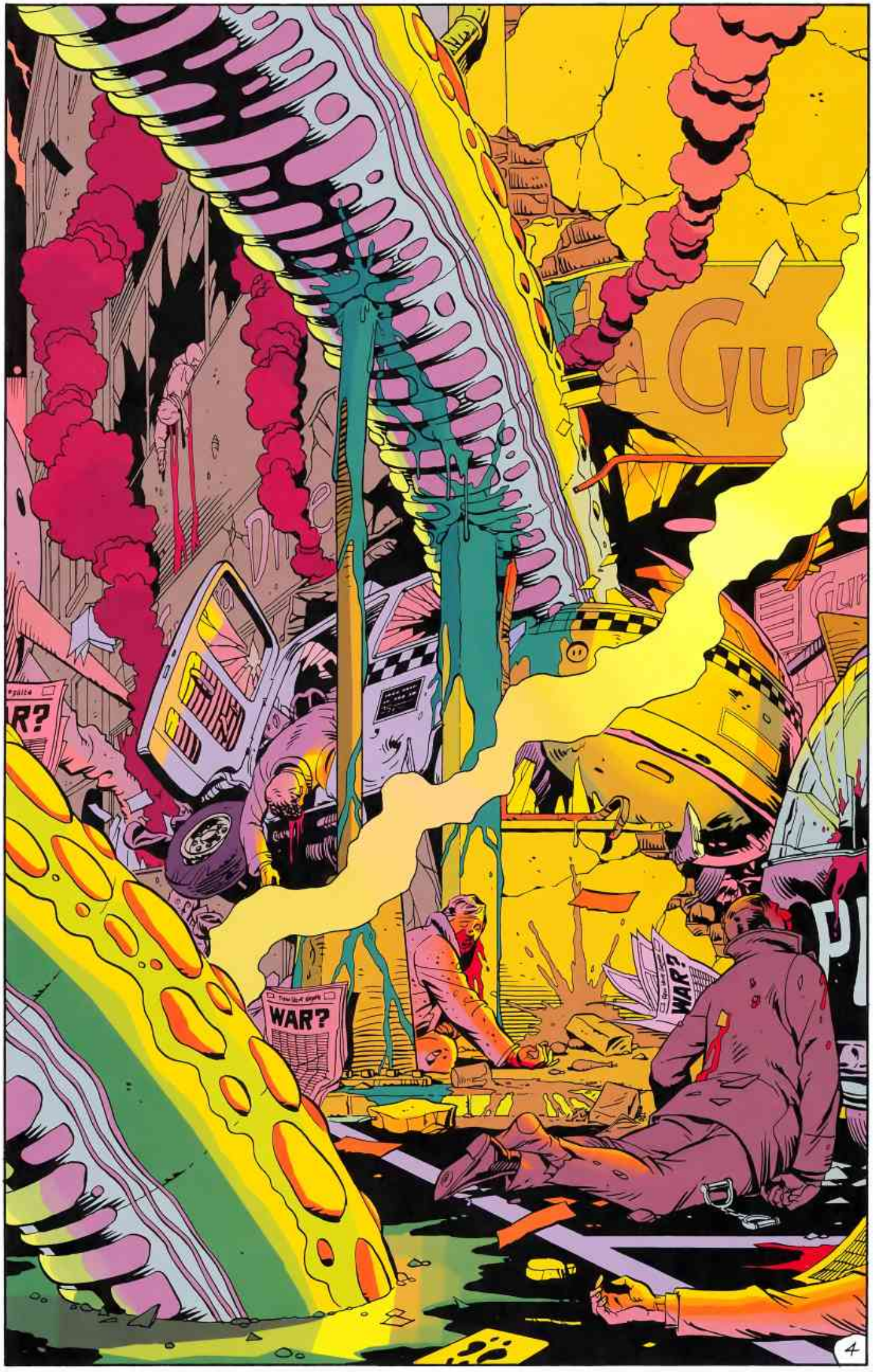
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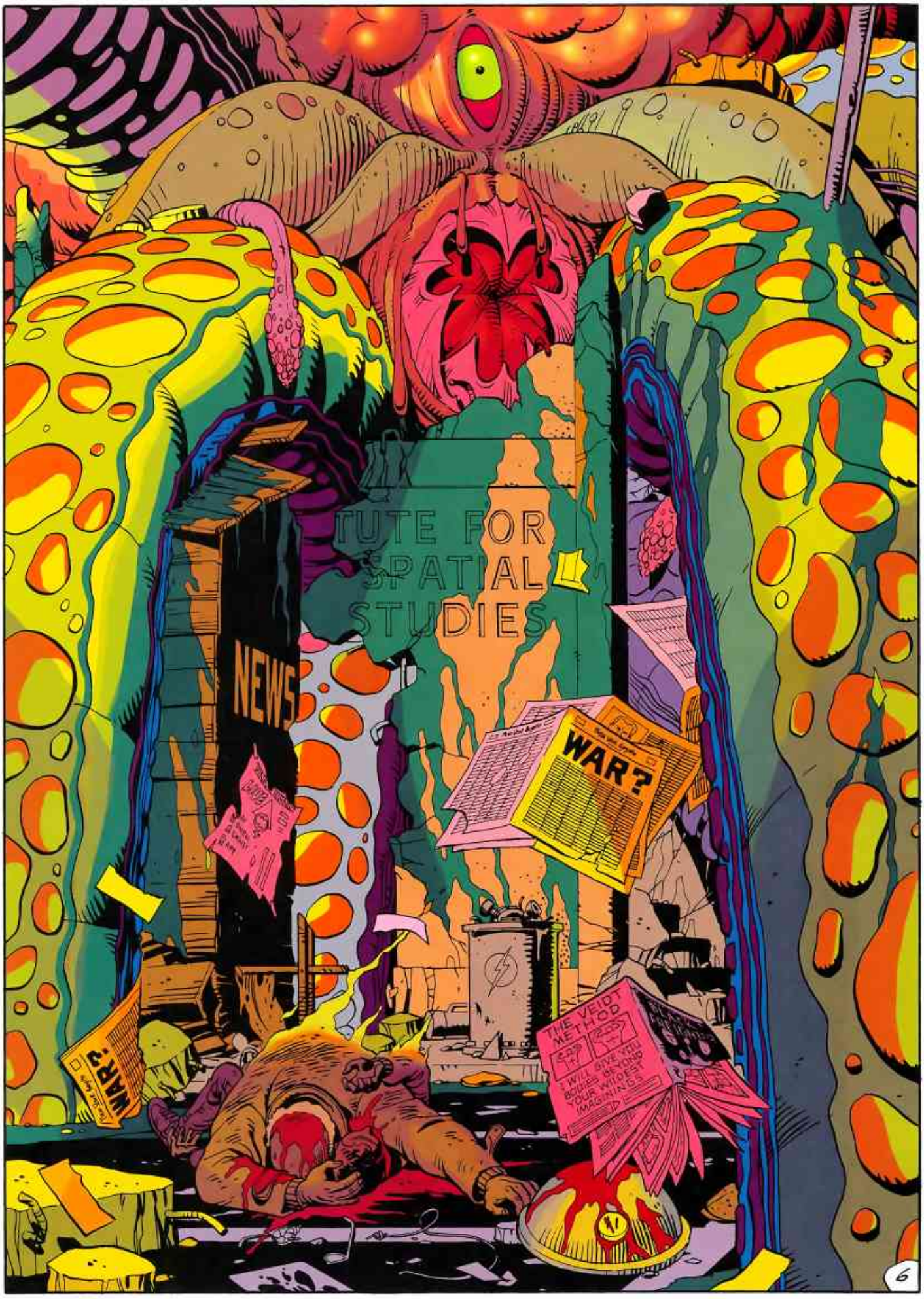

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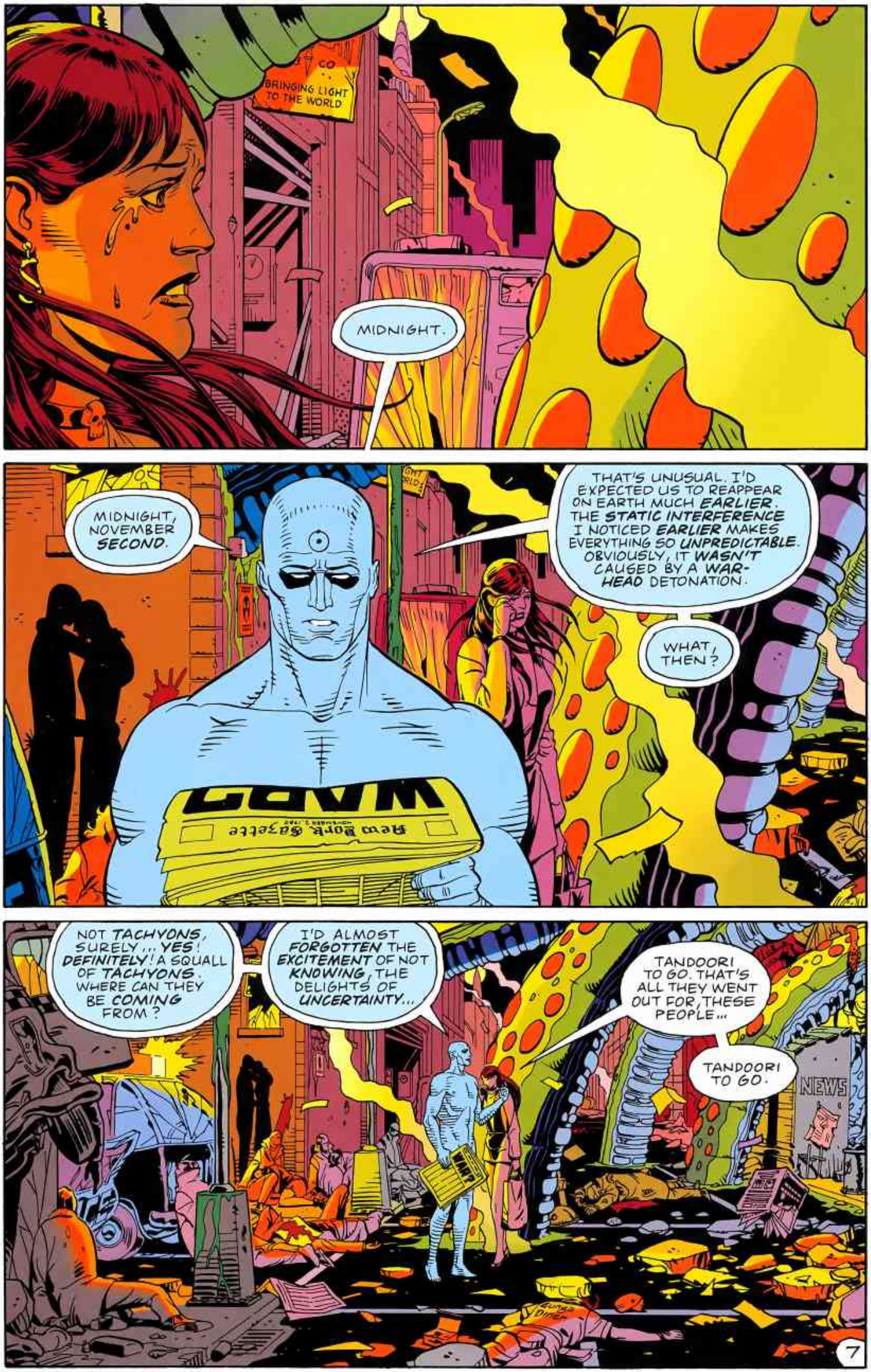
BRINGING LIGHT TO THE WORLD
MIDNIGHT.
MIDNIGHT, NOVEMBER SECOND.
THAT'S UNUSUAL. I'D EXPECTED US TO REAPPEAR ON EARTH MUCH EARLIER. THE STATIC INTERFERENCE I NOTICED EARLIER MAKES EVERYTHING SO UNPREDICTABLE. OBVIOUSLY, IT WASN'T CAUSED BY A WAR-HEAD DETONATION.
WHAT, THEN?
NOT TACHYONS, SURELY... YES! DEFINITELY! A SQUALL OF TACHYONS. WHERE CAN THEY BE COMING FROM?
I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN THE EXCITEMENT OF NOT KNOWING, THE DELIGHTS OF UNCERTAINTY...
TANDOORI TO GO. THAT'S ALL THEY WENT OUT FOR, THESE PEOPLE...
TANDOORI TO GO.
NEWS

...AND INSTEAD, THEY... THEY GOT...
I MEAN, WH-WHO'S SAFE? HOW CAN ANYONE PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST A WORLD WHERE THIS HAPPENS? I...
UHH...
NOW, LET ME SEE...
TACHYON PARTICLES, TRAVELLING BACKWARDS IN TIME, OCCUR RARELY. SOMEONE MUST BE GENERATING THEM.
IF I PROBE FAR ENOUGH, I SHOULD STUMBLE UPON THE SOURCE OF THE DISTURBANCE...
...THOUGH THIS STATIC MAKES SCANNING DIFFICULT. ALSO, THERE'S APPARENTLY MORE THAN ONE GENERATOR.
MOST ARE FAINT, BUT A PULSE FROM THE SOUTHERN POLAR REGION IS STRONG...
REASSURINGLY POWERFUL.
LOGICALLY, WE SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE ANTARCTIC SIGNAL IMMEDIATELY, ASSESS ITS CONNECTION WITH THIS CATASTROPHE...
WORKING BLIND, WE CAN'T USEFULLY PREPARE OURSELVES...
GET ME OUT OF HERE.
OUT? CERTAINLY. WE CAN TRACE THE TACHYONS TO THEIR SOURCE, AND...
JON, I JUST WANNA BE AWAY FROM THESE PEOPLE, AND THAT THING, AND, AND...
...HHRREUGHH...
I'M SORRY. HOW THOUGHTLESS OF ME. THIS MUST BE A DISTRESSING TIME FOR YOU...
JON, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE! I WANT TO BE OUT OF HERE, OKAY?
JUST TAKE IT AWAY IS ALL...
TAKE IT AWAY.
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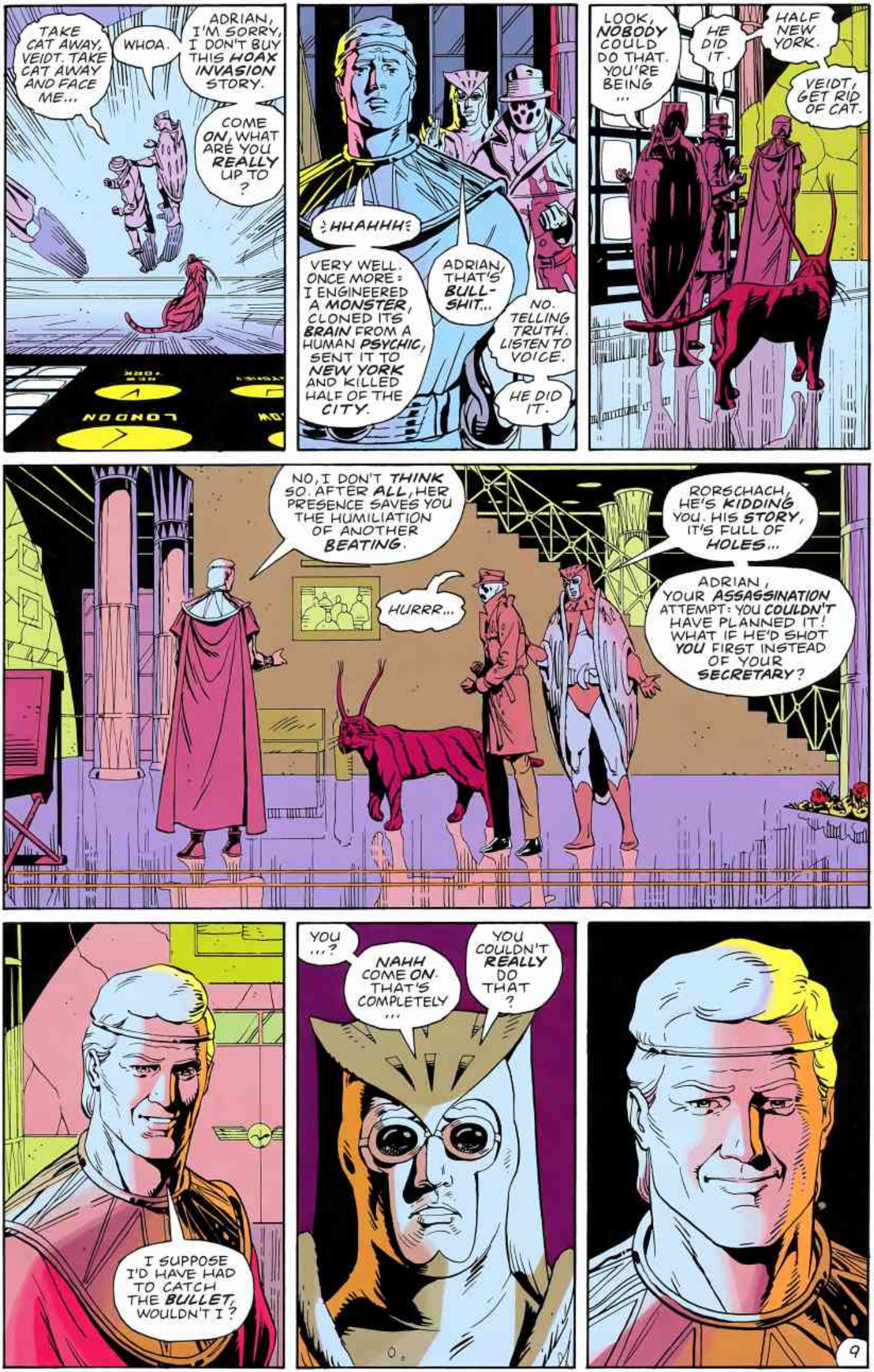
TAKE CAT AWAY, VEIDT. TAKE CAT AWAY AND FACE ME...
WHOA.
ADRIAN, I'M SORRY, I DON'T BUY THIS HOAX INVASION STORY.
COME ON, WHAT ARE YOU REALLY UP TO?
LONDON
:HHAHHH:
VERY WELL. ONCE MORE: I ENGINEERED A MONSTER, CLONED ITS BRAIN FROM A HUMAN PSYCHIC, SENT IT TO NEW YORK AND KILLED HALF OF THE CITY.
ADRIAN, THAT'S BULL-SHIT...
NO. TELLING TRUTH. LISTEN TO VOICE.
HE DID IT.
LOOK, NOBODY COULD DO THAT. YOU'RE BEING ...
HE DID IT.
HALF NEW YORK.
VEIDT, GET RID OF CAT.
NO, I DON'T THINK SO. AFTER ALL, HER PRESENCE SAVES YOU THE HUMILIATION OF ANOTHER BEATING.
HURRR...
RORSCHACH, HE'S KIDDING YOU. HIS STORY, IT'S FULL OF HOLES...
ADRIAN, YOUR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT: YOU COULDN'T HAVE PLANNED IT! WHAT IF HE'D SHOT YOU FIRST INSTEAD OF YOUR SECRETARY?
I SUPPOSE I'D HAVE HAD TO CATCH THE BULLET, WOULDN'T I?
YOU ...?
NAHH COME ON. THAT'S COMPLETELY ...
YOU COULDN'T REALLY DO THAT?
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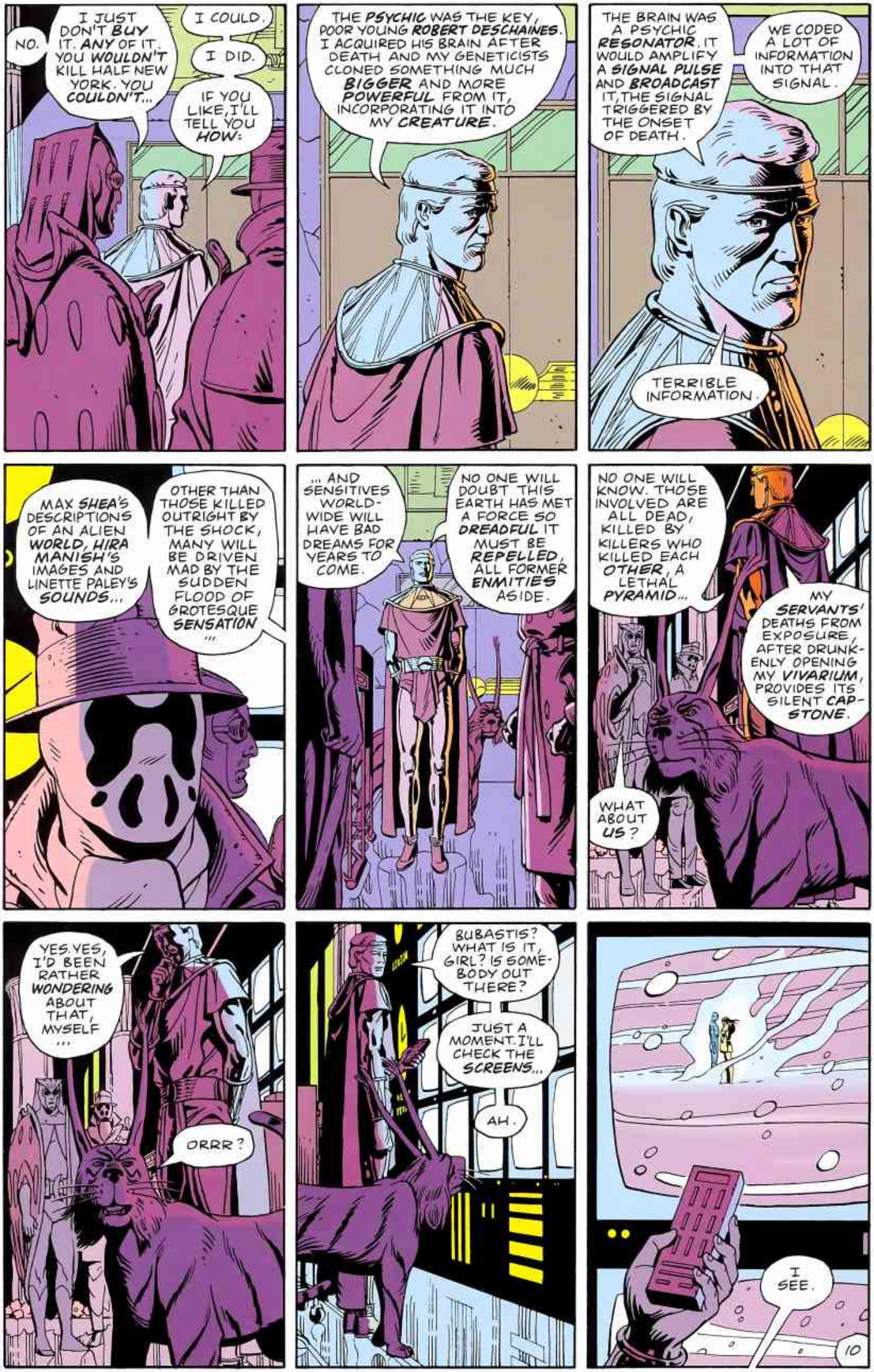
NO.
I JUST DON'T BUY IT. ANY OF IT. YOU WOULDN'T KILL HALF NEW YORK. YOU COULDN'T...
I COULD.
I DID.
IF YOU LIKE, I'LL TELL YOU HOW:
THE PSYCHIC WAS THE KEY, POOR YOUNG ROBERT DESCHAINES. I ACQUIRED HIS BRAIN AFTER DEATH AND MY GENETICISTS CLONED SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER AND MORE POWERFUL FROM IT, INCORPORATING IT INTO MY CREATURE.
THE BRAIN WAS A PSYCHIC RESONATOR. IT WOULD AMPLIFY A SIGNAL PULSE AND BROADCAST IT, THE SIGNAL TRIGGERED BY THE ONSET OF DEATH.
WE CODED A LOT OF INFORMATION INTO THAT SIGNAL.
TERRIBLE INFORMATION.
MAX SHEA'S DESCRIPTIONS OF AN ALIEN WORLD, HIRA MANISH'S IMAGES AND LINETTE PALEY'S SOUNDS...
OTHER THAN THOSE KILLED OUTRIGHT BY THE SHOCK, MANY WILL BE DRIVEN MAD BY THE SUDDEN FLOOD OF GROTESQUE SENSATION ...
... AND SENSITIVES WORLD-WIDE WILL HAVE BAD DREAMS FOR YEARS TO COME.
NO ONE WILL DOUBT THIS EARTH HAS MET A FORCE SO DREADFUL IT MUST BE REPELLED, ALL FORMER ENMITIES ASIDE.
NO ONE WILL KNOW. THOSE INVOLVED ARE ALL DEAD, KILLED BY KILLERS WHO KILLED EACH OTHER, A LETHAL PYRAMID...
MY SERVANTS' DEATHS FROM EXPOSURE, AFTER DRUNKENLY OPENING MY VIVARIUM, PROVIDES ITS SILENT CAPSTONE.
WHAT ABOUT US?
YES. YES, I'D BEEN RATHER WONDERING ABOUT THAT, MYSELF ...
ORRR?
BUBASTIS? WHAT IS IT, GIRL? IS SOMEBODY OUT THERE?
JUST A MOMENT. I'LL CHECK THE SCREENS...
AH.
I SEE.
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VEIDT. OF COURSE. WHO ELSE HAS THE INTELLIGENCE OR RESOURCES FOR TACHYON INTERFERENCE?
HMM. EIGHT GENERATORS THROUGHOUT ANTARCTICA, EIGHT IN ORBITING SATELLITES. IT DISPLAYS REMARKABLE FORESIGHT, DON'T YOU THINK?
UCCUK
HUT
AFTER ALL, SINCE TACHYONS ONLY AFFECT ME, HE'S OBVIOUSLY ANTICIPATED MY POSSIBLE DISCOVERY OF HIS PLOT FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME...
PLOT?
WAIT A MINUTE. I'VE BEEN HERE. THIS IS ANTARCTICA. THAT'S ...
THAT'S ADRIAN'S FORTRESS.
A-ARE YOU SAYING SOMEONE PLANNED ...THAT ADRIAN PLANNED ALL THAT...THAT STUFF IN NEW YORK? THAT HE...THAT VEIDT...
YES. YES, HE KILLED BLAKE AND HALF NEW YORK.
EXCUSE ME, RORSCHACH. I'M INFORMING LAURIE NINETY SECONDS AGO.
RORSCHACH? JON, DON'T! DON'T START ALL YOUR CRAP NOW!
DID HE KILL THEM? DID VUH-VEIDT KILL ALL THOSE PUH-PEOPLE?
JON, ANSWER ME!
I-I'M SORRY. IT'S THESE TACHYONS. THEY'RE MUDDLING THINGS UP...
I'D BETTER FOLLOW HIM INSIDE.
NO! DON'T YOU DARE LEAVE ME OUT HERE!
JON, WAIT!
OH...
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...DEAR.
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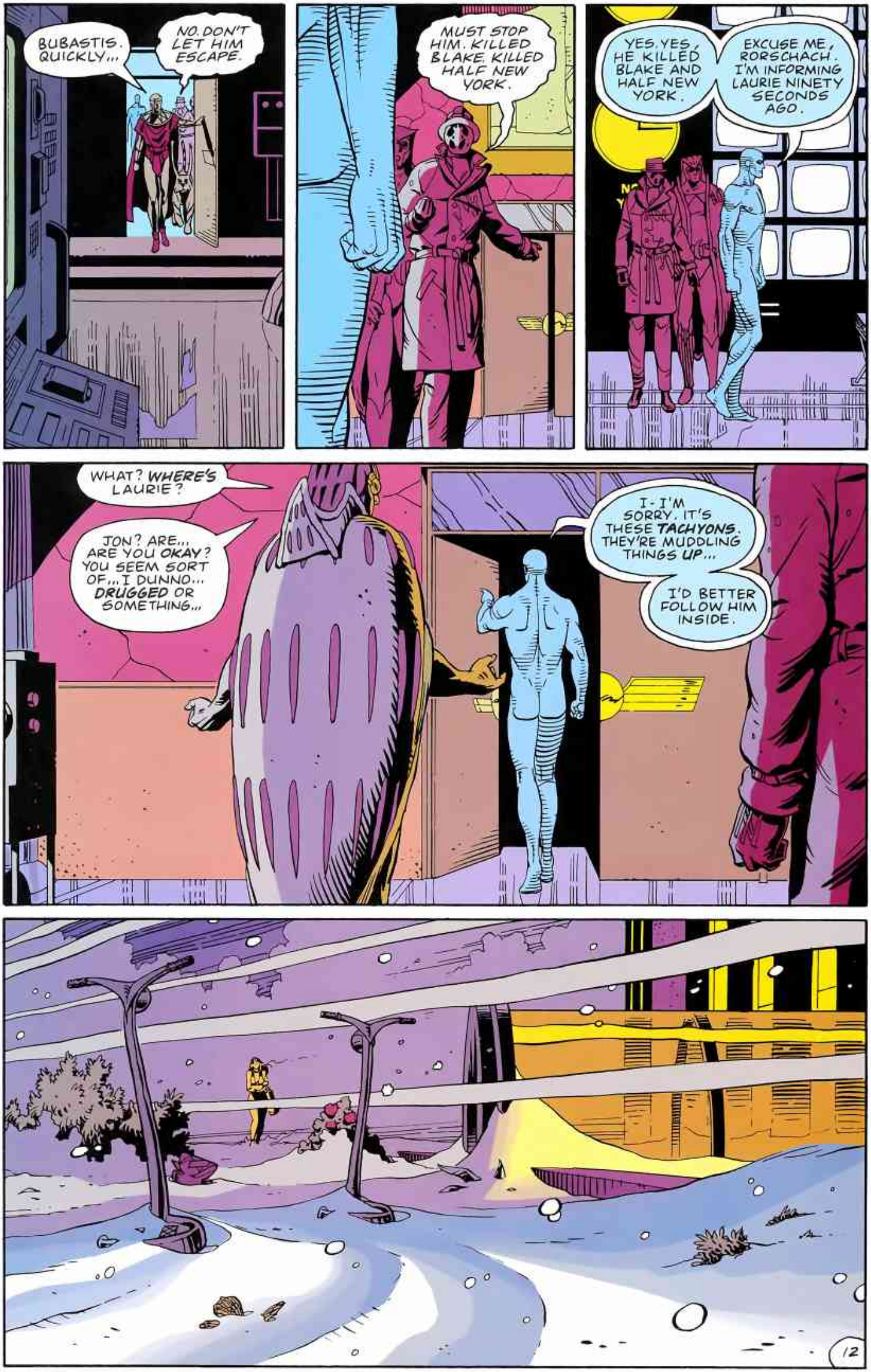
BUBASTIS. QUICKLY...
NO. DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE.
MUST STOP HIM. KILLED BLAKE. KILLED HALF NEW YORK.
YES, YES, HE KILLED BLAKE AND HALF NEW YORK.
EXCUSE ME, RORSCHACH. I'M INFORMING LAURIE NINETY SECONDS AGO.
WHAT? WHERE'S LAURIE?
JON? ARE... ARE YOU OKAY? YOU SEEM SORT OF... I DUNNO... DRUGGED OR SOMETHING...
I- I'M SORRY. IT'S THESE TACHYONS. THEY'RE MUDDLING THINGS UP...
I'D BETTER FOLLOW HIM INSIDE.
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VEIDT?
VEIDT, EVEN IF I CAN'T PREDICT WHERE I'M GOING TO FIND YOU, I CAN TURN THIS PLACE TO GLASS. YOU CAN'T HIDE. YOU'RE BEING STUPID.
THE TACHYONS WERE CLEVER, BUT THIS IS STUPID.
IT ISN'T LIKE YOU TO...
AH.
VERY WELL. IF I MUST...
IF I MUST FOLLOW THIS THROUGH TO THE BITTER END...
STAND BEHIND SCREEN WHEN I.F. SUBTRACTOR IS ACTIVATED
13

BUBASTIS...
FORGIVE ME.
INTRINSIC FIELD SUBTRACTOR
CAUTION
ACTIVATE
AAAA-AAAA-WRRR!
OOWAA-AAAAA-RROWR!
VEIDT? DON'T...
HM.
DO YOU KNOW, I REALLY WASN'T SURE THAT WOULD WORK.
OF COURSE, IT WAS THE TACHYONS THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO GIVE HIM SOMETHING HE WASN'T EXPECTING...
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VEIDT...
YOU'RE AN ASSHOLE.
HHHH!!!!!!...
YAAA--
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OH SH...
:UUUUUHHH:
STAND BEHIN
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THERE.
VEIDT!
SOMETHING ELSE I WASN'T SURE WOULD WORK.
OOOO-UUWW...
VEIDT, YOU BASTARD. IF YOU'VE HURT HER, I'LL ...
OH DANIEL. DANIEL, DANIEL, DANIEL...
PLEASE...
DO GROW UP.
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MY NEW WORLD DEMANDS LESS OBVIOUS HEROISM, MAKING YOUR SCHOOLBOY HEROICS REDUNDANT.
WHAT HAVE THEY ACHIEVED? FAILING TO PREVENT EARTH'S SALVATION IS YOUR ONLY TRIUMPH...
...AND YET THAT FAILURE OVERSHADOWS EVERY PAST SUCCESS! BY DEFAULT, YOU USHER IN AN AGE OF ILLUMINATION SO DAZZLING THAT HUMANITY WILL REJECT THE DARKNESS IN ITS HEART...
...AND TURN INSTEAD TOWARDS THE...
UH...
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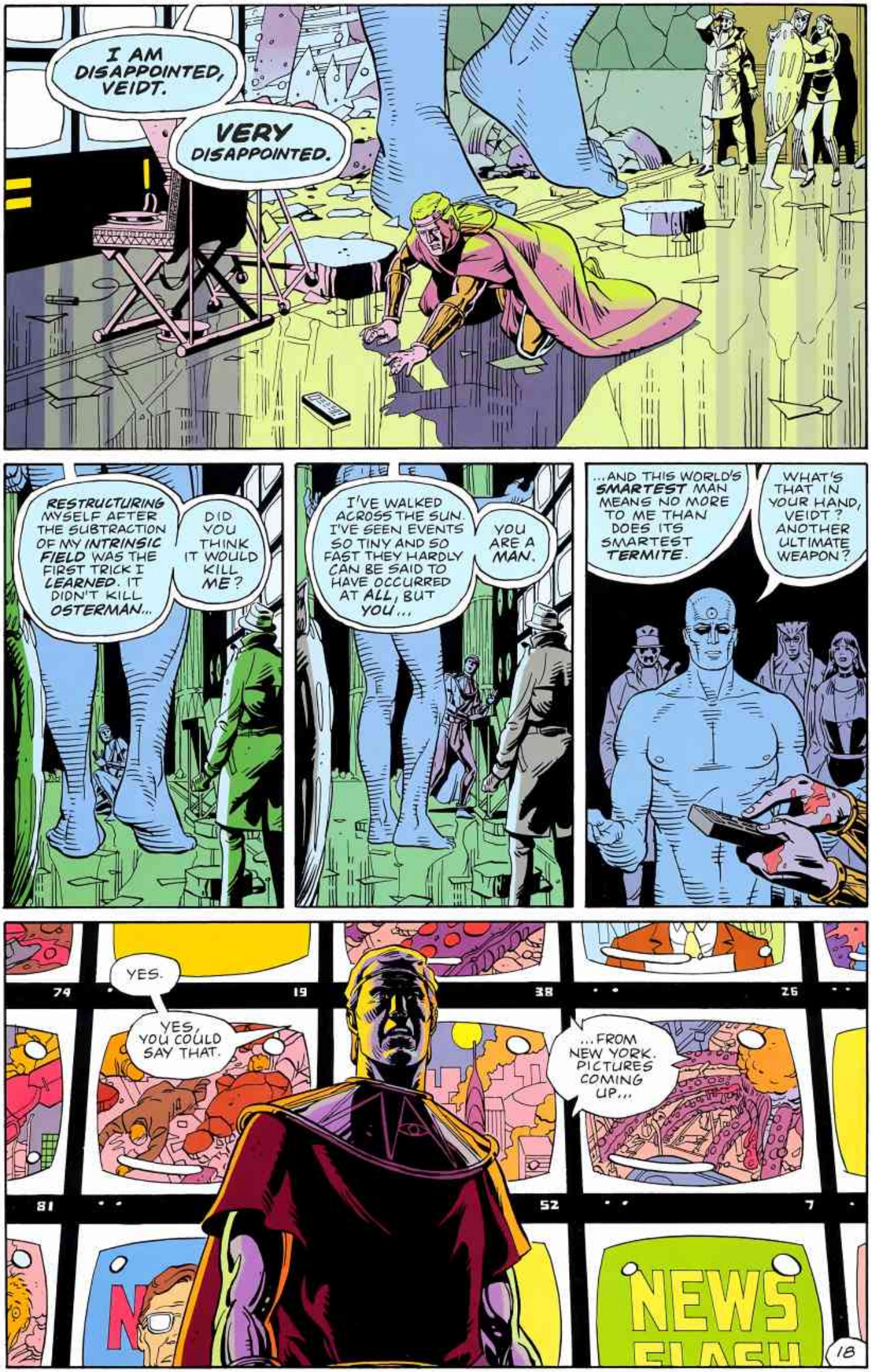
I AM DISAPPOINTED, VEIDT.
VERY DISAPPOINTED.
RESTRUCTURING MYSELF AFTER THE SUBTRACTION OF MY INTRINSIC FIELD WAS THE FIRST TRICK I LEARNED. IT DIDN'T KILL OSTERMAN...
DID YOU THINK IT WOULD KILL ME?
I'VE WALKED ACROSS THE SUN. I'VE SEEN EVENTS SO TINY AND SO FAST THEY HARDLY CAN BE SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED AT ALL, BUT YOU...
YOU ARE A MAN.
...AND THIS WORLD'S SMARTEST MAN MEANS NO MORE TO ME THAN DOES ITS SMARTEST TERMITE.
WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND, VEIDT? ANOTHER ULTIMATE WEAPON?
YES.
YES, YOU COULD SAY THAT.
...FROM NEW YORK. PICTURES COMING UP...
NEWS FLASH
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SCENE HERE, UTTERLY HORRIBLE, I CAN'T DESCRIBE...
EATH TOLL IN THE MILLIONS
PEOPLE INSANE. A PREGNANT WOMAN, CONVINCED HER UNBORN CHILD WAS EATING HER, TERMINATED HER O
JOIN B.B.C. 2 FOR NEWS FROM AMERICA. IN NEW YORK, MILLIONS
FROM NEW YORK
INSTITUTE RESEARCHING OTHER DIMENSIONS
THESE FIRST PICTURES SHOW ...UH... WHAT EXACTLY IS THAT, BOB? IS
MILLIONS DEAD OR
IMPLAUSIBLE AS IT SEEMS WE CANNOT DISMISS THE POSSIBILITY OF
HAVE WE BEEN INVADED? WE ASK
ALIEN CONTACT OR
MILLIONS
AND IN NEW YORK MILLIONS OF... WAIT A MINUTE, THIS CAN'T BE RIGHT: "MILLIONS OF
ARE WE LOOKING AT AN ALIEN INVASION? THINGS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION? IS THAT
NO COMMENT. WE HAVE NO COMMENT AT
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. I CAN'T BELIEVE
THE DEAD, THE INSANE. THERE ARE CHILDREN, CHILDREN, CHILDREN... I CAN'T GO ON. I'M SORRY. I'M SO SORRY
NEW YORK
ORLD LEADERS, RESPONDING TO THE TRAGEDY
MILLIONS
FROM LONDON, MR. HEALEY SENT A MESSAGE OF
AND NEWS JUST IN OF A RESPONSE FROM RUSSIA
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE
FTER STUDYING SATEL-LITE PHOTOGRAPHS, THE KREMLIN ISSUED A CAUTIOUS BULLETIN
FROM RUSSIA
RBACHEV STATED THAT IN LIGHT OF ALARMING DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK
OVER TWO MILLION
THREATENING US ALL." HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES UNTIL
OMISING WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHAN-ISTAN AS SOON AS
EW YORK
IMMEDIATE END TO HOSTILITIES UNTIL WE'VE EVALUATED THIS NEW THREAT TO
IN COMPLETE CONFUSION HERE
END TO HOSTILITI
AN IMMEDIATE SUMMIT IN GENEVA
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I DID IT.
I DID IT!
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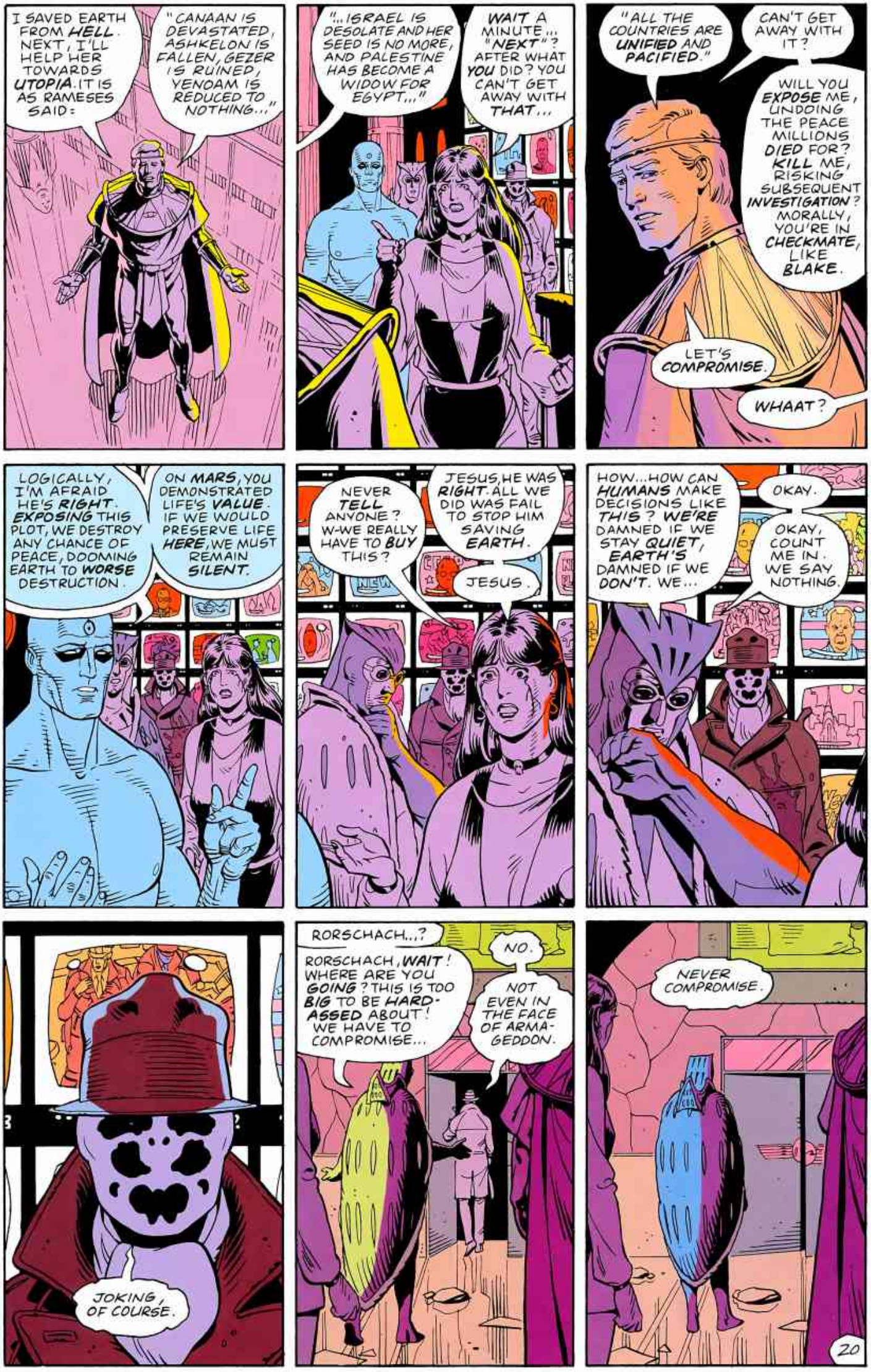
I SAVED EARTH FROM HELL. NEXT, I'LL HELP HER TOWARDS UTOPIA. IT IS AS RAMESES SAID:
"CANAAN IS DEVASTATED, ASHKELON IS FALLEN, GEZER IS RUINED, YENOAM IS REDUCED TO NOTHING..."
"...ISRAEL IS DESOLATE AND HER SEED IS NO MORE, AND PALESTINE HAS BECOME A WIDOW FOR EGYPT..."
WAIT A MINUTE... "NEXT"? AFTER WHAT YOU DID? YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THAT...
"ALL THE COUNTRIES ARE UNIFIED AND PACIFIED."
CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT?
WILL YOU EXPOSE ME, UNDOING THE PEACE MILLIONS DIED FOR? KILL ME, RISKING SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION? MORALLY, YOU'RE IN CHECKMATE, LIKE BLAKE.
LET'S COMPROMISE.
WHAAT?
LOGICALLY, I'M AFRAID HE'S RIGHT. EXPOSING THIS PLOT, WE DESTROY ANY CHANCE OF PEACE, DOOMING EARTH TO WORSE DESTRUCTION.
ON MARS, YOU DEMONSTRATED LIFE'S VALUE. IF WE WOULD PRESERVE LIFE HERE, WE MUST REMAIN SILENT.
NEVER TELL ANYONE? W-WE REALLY HAVE TO BUY THIS?
JESUS, HE WAS RIGHT. ALL WE DID WAS FAIL TO STOP HIM SAVING EARTH.
JESUS.
HOW...HOW CAN HUMANS MAKE DECISIONS LIKE THIS? WE'RE DAMNED IF WE STAY QUIET, EARTH'S DAMNED IF WE DON'T. WE...
OKAY.
OKAY, COUNT ME IN. WE SAY NOTHING.
JOKING, OF COURSE.
RORSCHACH...?
RORSCHACH, WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THIS IS TOO BIG TO BE HARD-ASSED ABOUT! WE HAVE TO COMPROMISE...
NO.
NOT EVEN IN THE FACE OF ARMAGEDDON.
NEVER COMPROMISE.
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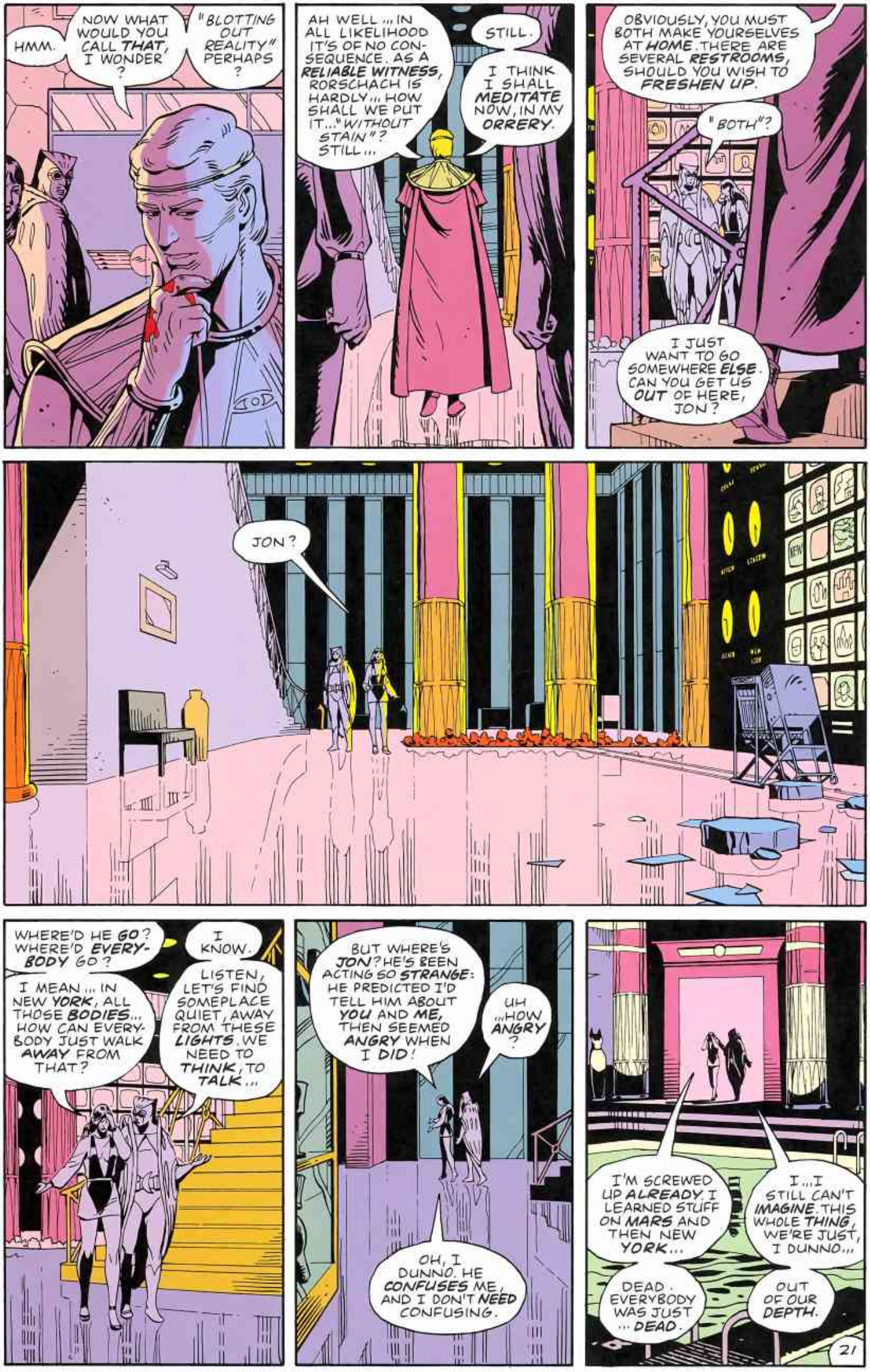
HMM.
NOW WHAT WOULD YOU CALL THAT, I WONDER?
"BLOTTING OUT REALITY" PERHAPS?
JOD
AH WELL... IN ALL LIKELIHOOD IT'S OF NO CONSEQUENCE. AS A RELIABLE WITNESS, RORSCHACH IS HARDLY... HOW SHALL WE PUT IT..."WITHOUT STAIN"? STILL...
STILL.
I THINK I SHALL MEDITATE NOW, IN MY ORRERY.
OBVIOUSLY, YOU MUST BOTH MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME. THERE ARE SEVERAL RESTROOMS, SHOULD YOU WISH TO FRESHEN UP.
"BOTH"?
I JUST WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE. CAN YOU GET US OUT OF HERE, JON?
JON?
WHERE'D HE GO? WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?
I KNOW.
I MEAN... IN NEW YORK, ALL THOSE BODIES... HOW CAN EVERYBODY JUST WALK AWAY FROM THAT?
LISTEN, LET'S FIND SOMEPLACE QUIET, AWAY FROM THESE LIGHTS. WE NEED TO THINK, TO TALK...
BUT WHERE'S JON? HE'S BEEN ACTING SO STRANGE: HE PREDICTED I'D TELL HIM ABOUT YOU AND ME, THEN SEEMED ANGRY WHEN I DID!
UH ...HOW ANGRY?
OH, I DUNNO. HE CONFUSES ME, AND I DON'T NEED CONFUSING.
I'M SCREWED UP ALREADY. I LEARNED STUFF ON MARS AND THEN NEW YORK...
I...I STILL CAN'T IMAGINE. THIS WHOLE THING, WE'RE JUST, I DUNNO...
DEAD. EVERYBODY WAS JUST ...DEAD.
OUT OF OUR DEPTH.
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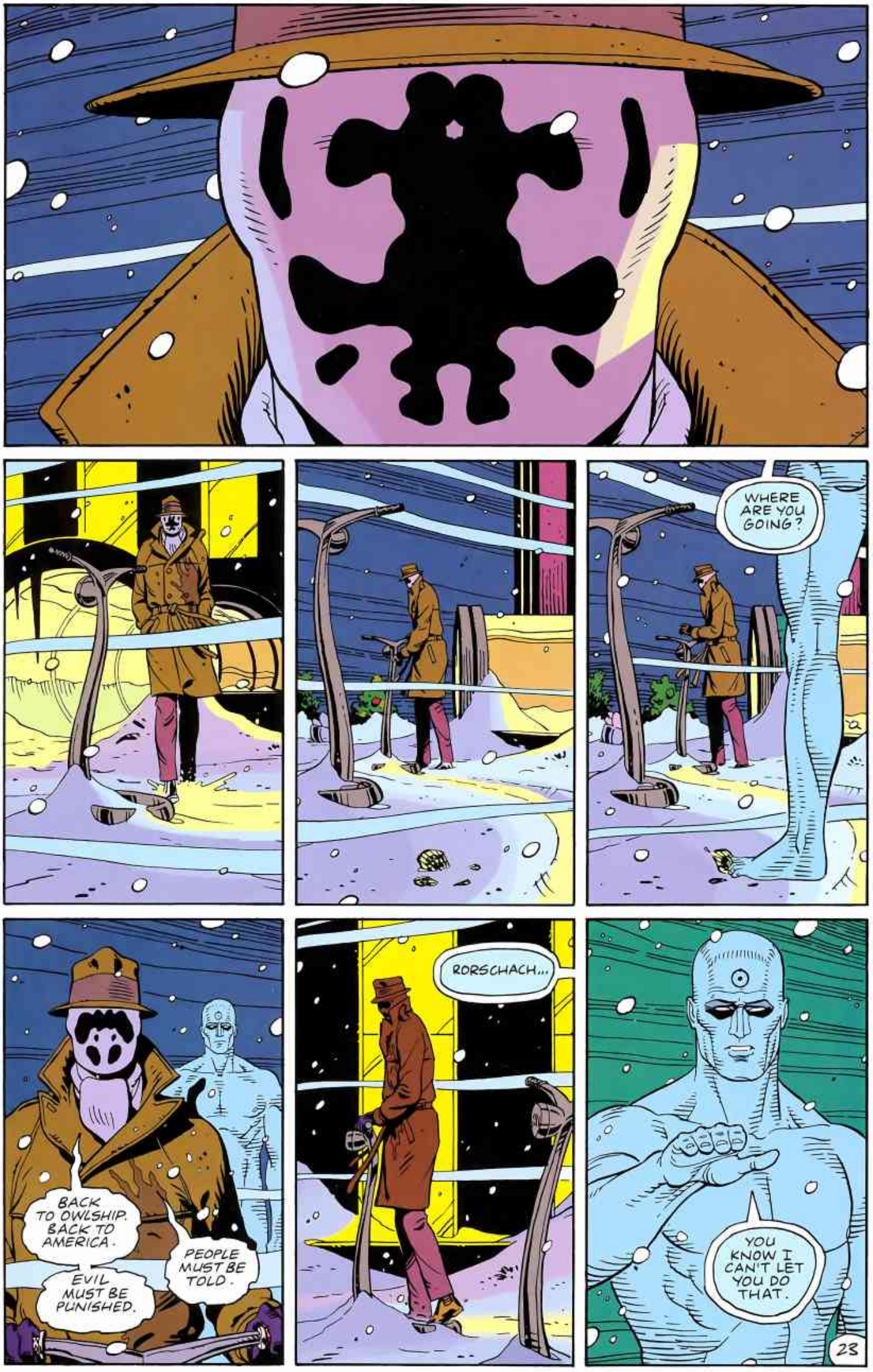
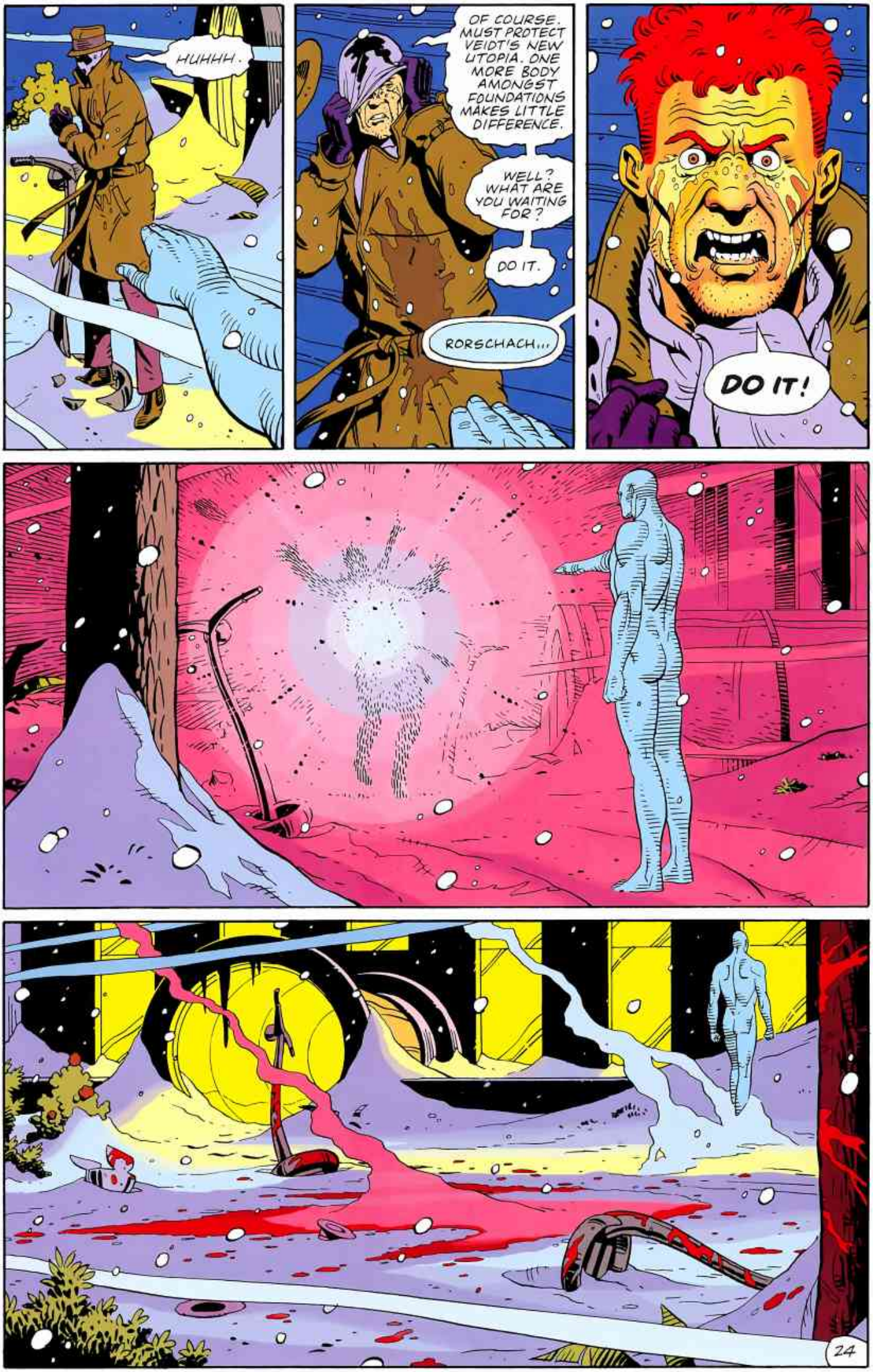
BUT... THERE WERE PEOPLE, JUST STEPPED OUT THE GUNGA DINER. THAT PINK AND YELLOW RICE, IT WAS ALL SPILLED, AND...
I KEEP WANTING TO CRY, BUT MY THROAT, IT'S NOT BIG ENOUGH. I...
DAN? CAN WE SIT DOWN?
SURE.
LAURIE, LISTEN, ABOUT US... DO YOU THINK JON MINDS?
IT DOESN'T MATTER. AFTER NEW YORK, NOTHING MATTERS. THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY.
DAN, PLEASE... SIT WITH ME. I NEED YOU.
I NEED YOU TOO.
NO. I MEAN I NEED YOU. NEED YOU NOW. DAN, ALL THOSE PEOPLE, THEY'RE DEAD. THEY CAN'T DISAGREE OR EAT INDIAN FOOD, OR LOVE EACH OTHER...
OH, IT'S SWEET. BEING ALIVE IS SO DAMN SWEET.
LAURIE? WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I WANT YOU TO LOVE ME.
I WANT YOU TO LOVE ME BECAUSE WE'RE NOT DEAD.
HERE... TAKE THESE OFF. I WANT TO SEE YOU.
I WANT TO SEE YOU AND TASTE YOU AND SMELL YOU, JUST BECAUSE I CAN.
WHAT IS THAT, DAN? WHAT'S THAT YOU SMELL OF?
NOSTALGIA.


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
RORSCHACH...
BACK TO OWLSHIP. BACK TO AMERICA.
EVIL MUST BE PUNISHED.
PEOPLE MUST BE TOLD.
YOU KNOW I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT.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OF COURSE. MUST PROTECT VEIDT'S NEW UTOPIA. ONE MORE BODY AMONGST FOUNDATIONS MAKES LITTLE DIFFERENCE.
WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
DO IT.
RORSCHACH...
DO IT!
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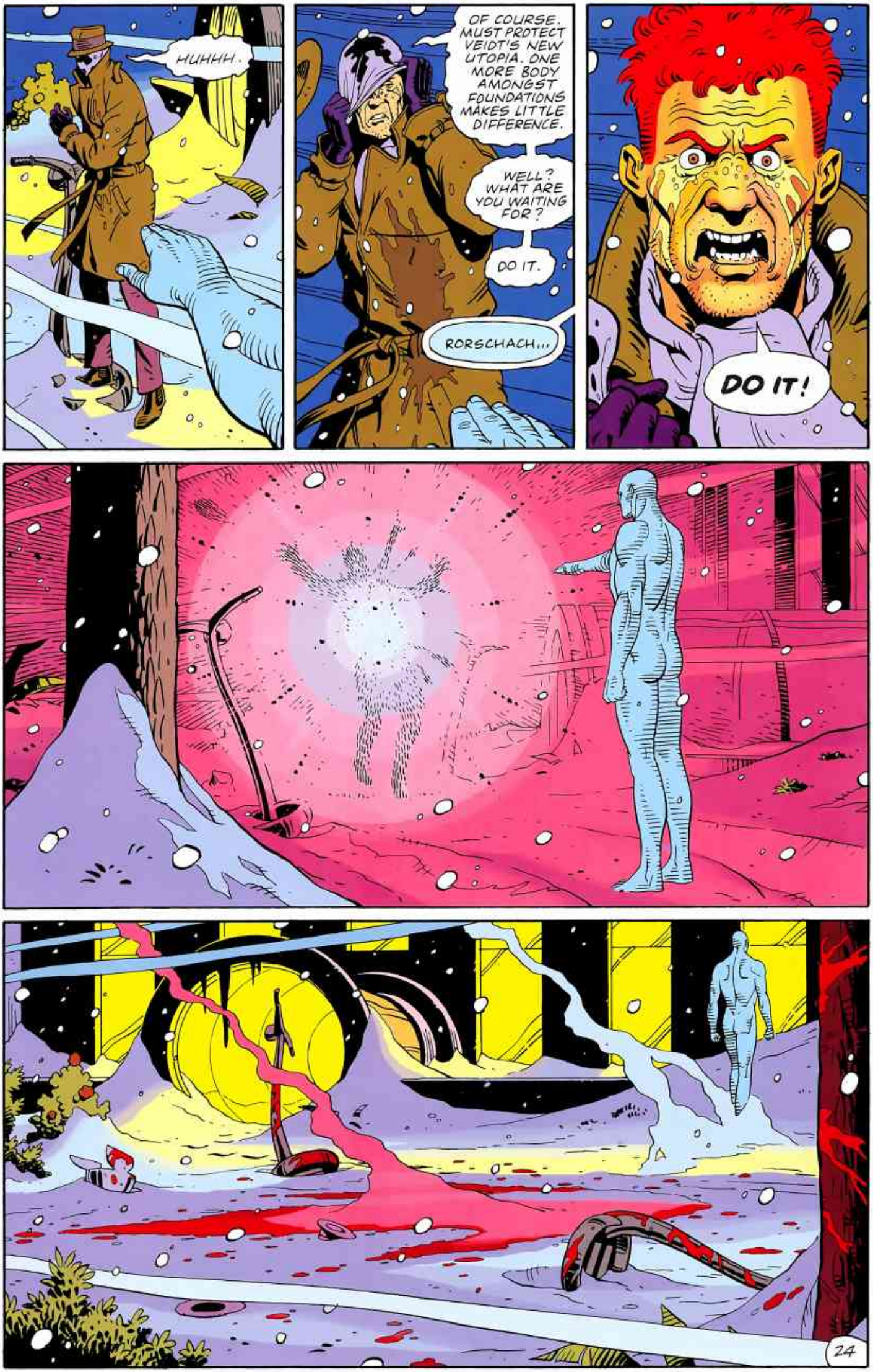
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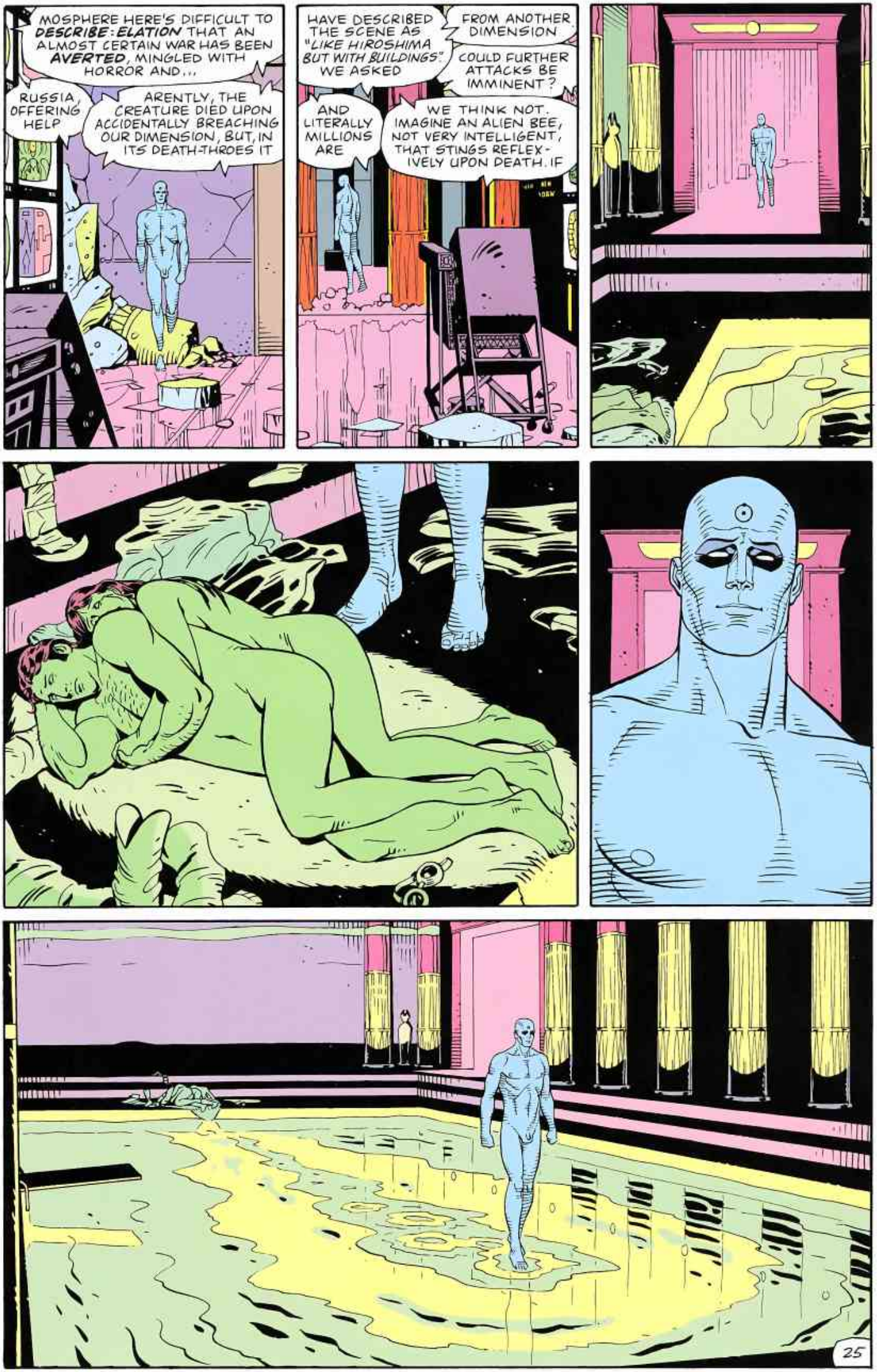
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RUSSIA, OFFERING HELP
ARENTLY, THE CREATURE DIED UPON ACCIDENTALLY BREACHING OUR DIMENSION, BUT, IN ITS DEATH-THROES IT
HAVE DESCRIBED THE SCENE AS "LIKE HIROSHIMA BUT WITH BUILDINGS." WE ASKED
FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION
COULD FURTHER ATTACKS BE IMMINENT?
AND LITERALLY MILLIONS ARE
WE THINK NOT. IMAGINE AN ALIEN BEE, NOT VERY INTELLIGENT, THAT STINGS REFLEX-IVELY UPON DEATH. IF
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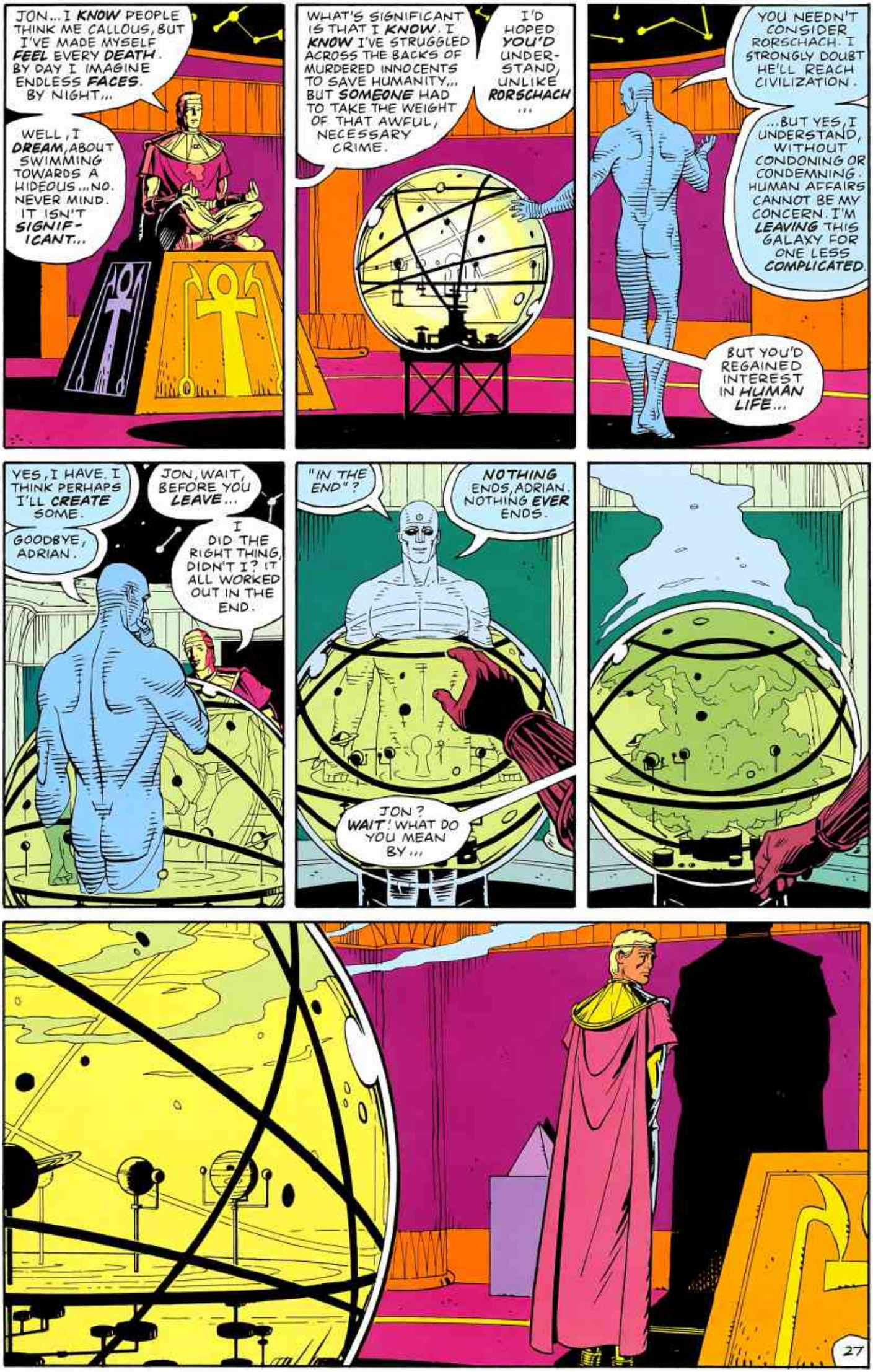
HELLO, JON.
I WAS HOPING WE'D HAVE THE CHANCE TO TALK.


JON... I KNOW PEOPLE THINK ME CALLOUS, BUT I'VE MADE MYSELF FEEL EVERY DEATH. BY DAY I IMAGINE ENDLESS FACES. BY NIGHT...
WELL, I DREAM, ABOUT SWIMMING TOWARDS A HIDEOUS... NO. NEVER MIND. IT ISN'T SIGNIF-ICANT...
WHAT'S SIGNIFICANT IS THAT I KNOW. I KNOW I'VE STRUGGLED ACROSS THE BACKS OF MURDERED INNOCENTS TO SAVE HUMANITY... BUT SOMEONE HAD TO TAKE THE WEIGHT OF THAT AWFUL, NECESSARY CRIME.
I'D HOPED YOU'D UNDER-STAND, UNLIKE RORSCHACH ...
YOU NEEDN'T CONSIDER RORSCHACH. I STRONGLY DOUBT HE'LL REACH CIVILIZATION.
...BUT YES, I UNDERSTAND, WITHOUT CONDONING OR CONDEMNING. HUMAN AFFAIRS CANNOT BE MY CONCERN. I'M LEAVING THIS GALAXY FOR ONE LESS COMPLICATED.
BUT YOU'D REGAINED INTEREST IN HUMAN LIFE...
YES, I HAVE. I THINK PERHAPS I'LL CREATE SOME.
GOODBYE, ADRIAN.
JON, WAIT, BEFORE YOU LEAVE...
I DID THE RIGHT THING, DIDN'T I? IT ALL WORKED OUT IN THE END.
"IN THE END"?
NOTHING ENDS, ADRIAN. NOTHING EVER ENDS.
JON? WAIT! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY...
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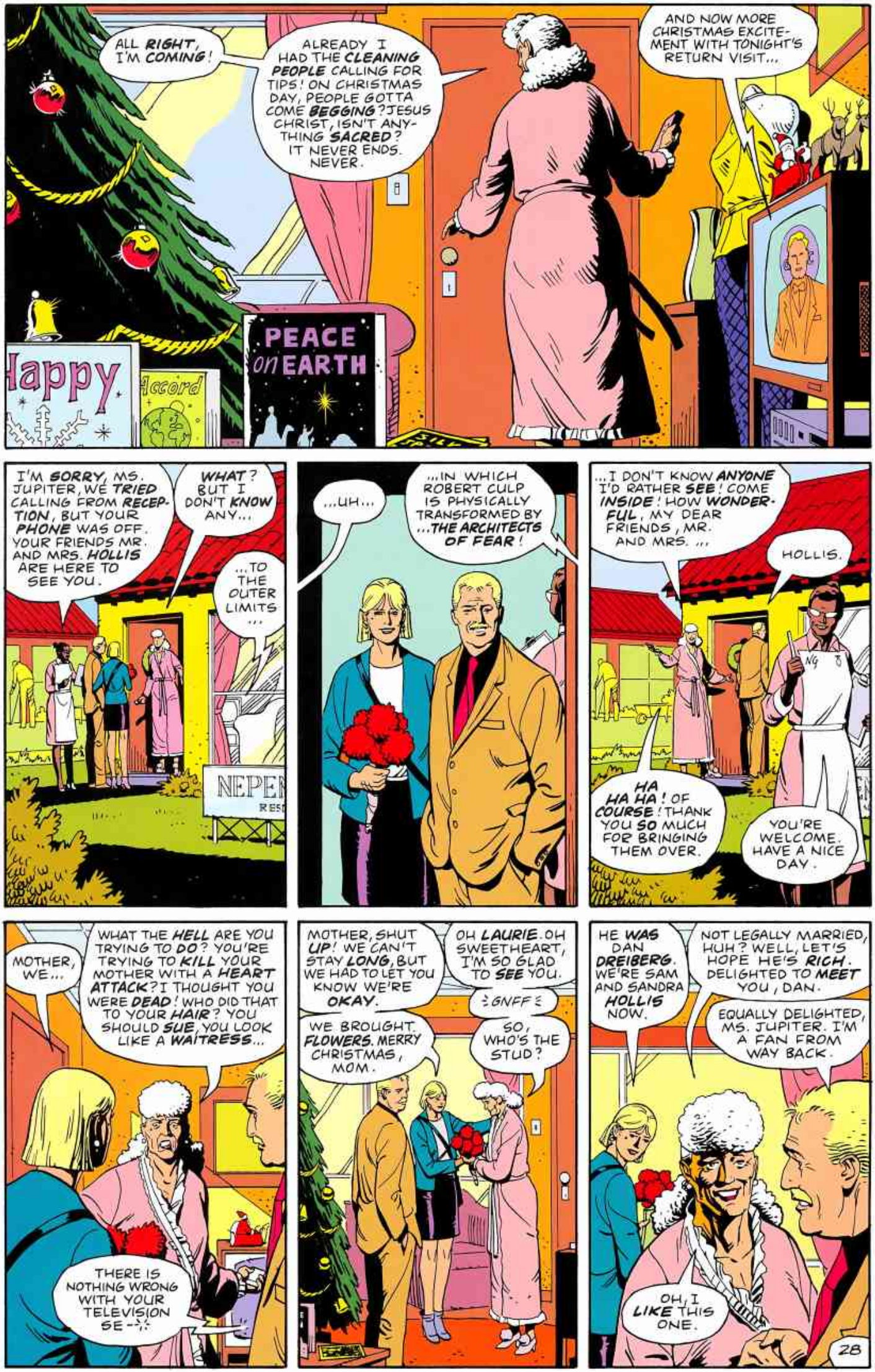
ALL RIGHT, I'M COMING!
ALREADY I HAD THE CLEANING PEOPLE CALLING FOR TIPS! ON CHRISTMAS DAY, PEOPLE GOTTA COME BEGGING? JESUS CHRIST, ISN'T ANYTHING SACRED? IT NEVER ENDS. NEVER.
AND NOW MORE CHRISTMAS EXCITEMENT WITH TONIGHT'S RETURN VISIT...
Happy
Accord
PEACE on EARTH
I'M SORRY, MS. JUPITER, WE TRIED CALLING FROM RECEPTION, BUT YOUR PHONE WAS OFF. YOUR FRIENDS MR. AND MRS. HOLLIS ARE HERE TO SEE YOU.
WHAT? BUT I DON'T KNOW ANY...
...TO THE OUTER LIMITS...
...UH...
...IN WHICH ROBERT CULP IS PHYSICALLY TRANSFORMED BY ...THE ARCHITECTS OF FEAR!
...I DON'T KNOW ANYONE I'D RATHER SEE! COME INSIDE! HOW WONDERFUL, MY DEAR FRIENDS, MR. AND MRS. ...
HOLLIS.
HA HA HA! OF COURSE! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING THEM OVER.
YOU'RE WELCOME. HAVE A NICE DAY.
MOTHER, WE...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TRYING TO DO? YOU'RE TRYING TO KILL YOUR MOTHER WITH A HEART ATTACK? I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD! WHO DID THAT TO YOUR HAIR? YOU SHOULD SUE, YOU LOOK LIKE A WAITRESS...
THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR TELEVISION SE-
MOTHER, SHUT UP! WE CAN'T STAY LONG, BUT WE HAD TO LET YOU KNOW WE'RE OKAY.
OH LAURIE. OH SWEETHEART, I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU.
GNFF
WE BROUGHT FLOWERS. MERRY CHRISTMAS, MOM.
SO, WHO'S THE STUD?
HE WAS DAN DREIBERG. WE'RE SAM AND SANDRA HOLLIS NOW.
NOT LEGALLY MARRIED, HUH? WELL, LET'S HOPE HE'S RICH. DELIGHTED TO MEET YOU, DAN.
EQUALLY DELIGHTED, MS. JUPITER. I'M A FAN FROM WAY BACK.
OH, I LIKE THIS ONE.
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NOW, LEMME SEE, I MUST HAVE SOME GIFTS FOR YOU...
I KNOW! THERE'S A BOTTLE OF THAT NEW MILLENNIUM STUFF...
MOM, WE DON'T HAVE LONG, AND THERE'S IMPORTANT THINGS TO DISCUSS.
AT CHRISTMAS, WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN GIFTS? I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE GIRL, ALWAYS YOU USED TO...
MOM, I FOUND OUT WHO MY REAL DAD WAS.
YOU ...?
OH JESUS ...
OH LAUREL, I'M SO SORRY. WH-WHAT MUST YOU THINK? IT...IT WAS JUST AN AFTERNOON, IN SUMMER. HE STOPPED BY...
MOM...
I TRIED TO BE ANGRY, BUT...I MEAN, I NEVER WANTED YOU TO KNOW. I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU BUT ...I DON'T KNOW, I JUST FELT ASHAMED, I FELT STUPID, AND...
MOM...
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
PEOPLE'S LIVES TAKE THEM STRANGE PLACES. THEY DO STRANGE THINGS, AND ...
... WELL, SOMETIMES THEY CAN'T TALK ABOUT THEM. I KNOW HOW THAT IS.
I LOVE YOU, MOM. YOU NEVER DID ANYTHING WRONG BY ME.
THAT'S ALL I CAME TO TELL YOU, I GUESS. WE HAVE TO GO, BUT WE'LL VISIT SOON.
SURE.
LISTEN, TAKE THIS. IT'LL HELP YOU HOLD ONTO BLONDIE. GUESS I BETTER FIND HIM SOMETHING, TOO ...
WELL, YEAH, BUT HURRY. I GET NERVOUS, WAITING AROUND ...
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE ...OHH. THAT OLD THING. HOPE IT HASN'T EMBARRASSED YOU.
OH NO. NOT AT ALL. TO TELL THE TRUTH, I ...
WELL, IN 1952, I OWNED A COPY.
YOU DID? WHY, BLESS YOU, YOU KEEP IT.
BUT ...THESE ARE VALUABLE. REALLY, MS. JUPITER, I COULDN'T...
SALLY. TAKE IT. JUST DON'T TELL THE WIFE.
DAN...UH, SAM, HONEY? COME ON... WE HAVE TO GO.
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GOOD BYE, MOM.
AND DON'T WAIT TOO LONG TO HAVE CHILDREN! I'M AN OLD WOMAN!
NEPENT
WELL, THAT WAS PRETTY PAINLESS, HUH?
Y'KNOW, MAYBE THAT WASN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA OF YOUR MOTHER'S...
CHILDREN? FORGET IT. NOT YET. YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT ADVENTURING, AND I'M NOT STAYING HOME CHANGING DIAPERS.
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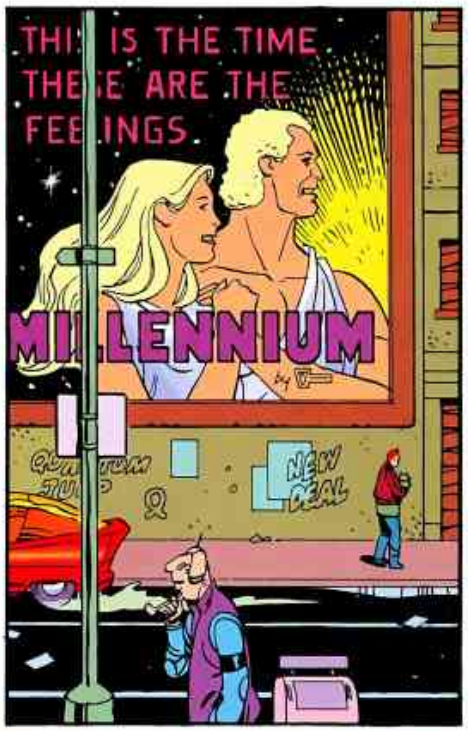
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SEYMOUR, CHRIST, I DON'T KNOW ...
THREE MILLION NEW YORKERS DIED AND YOU WEREN'T ONE OF THEM.
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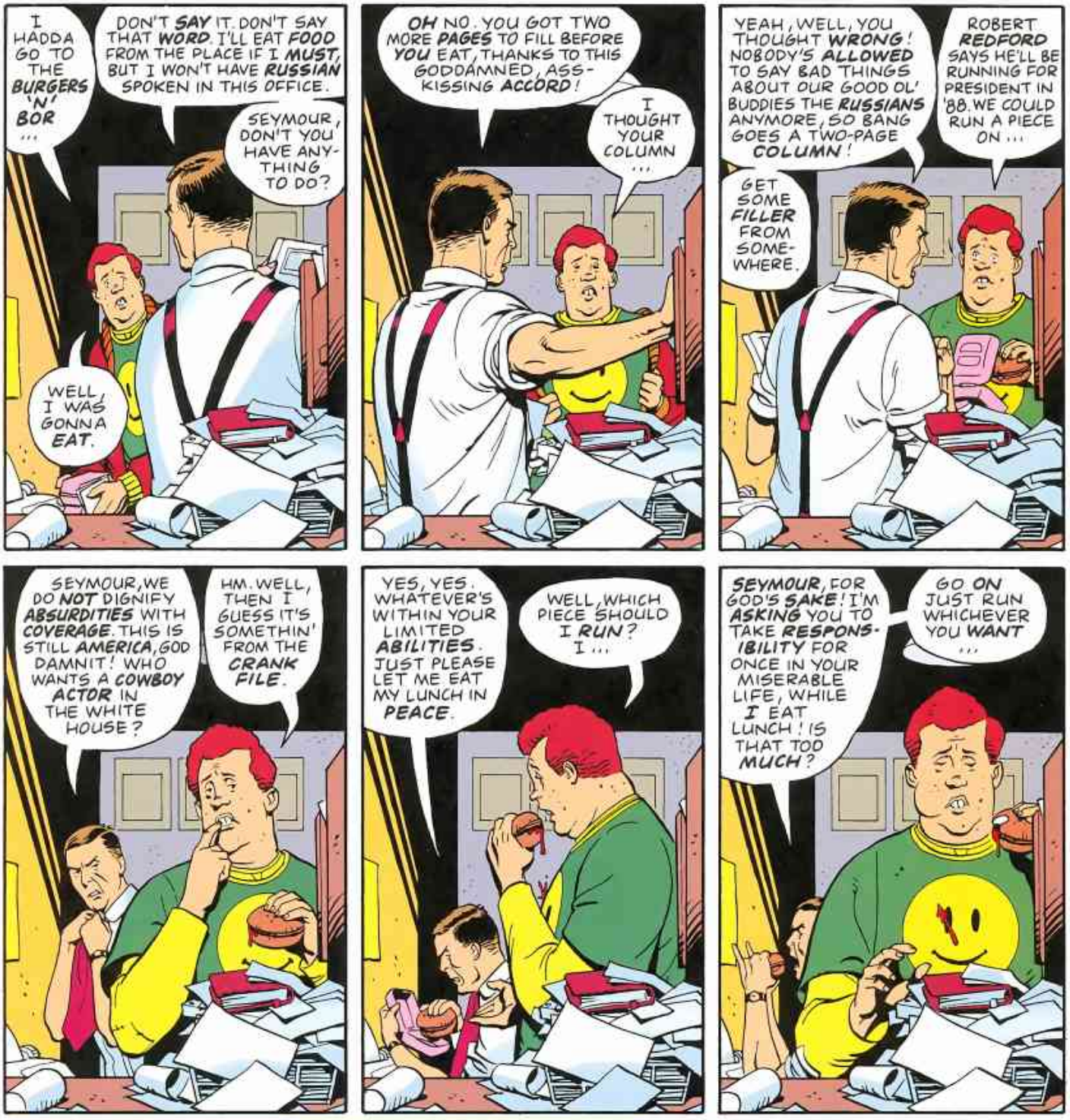
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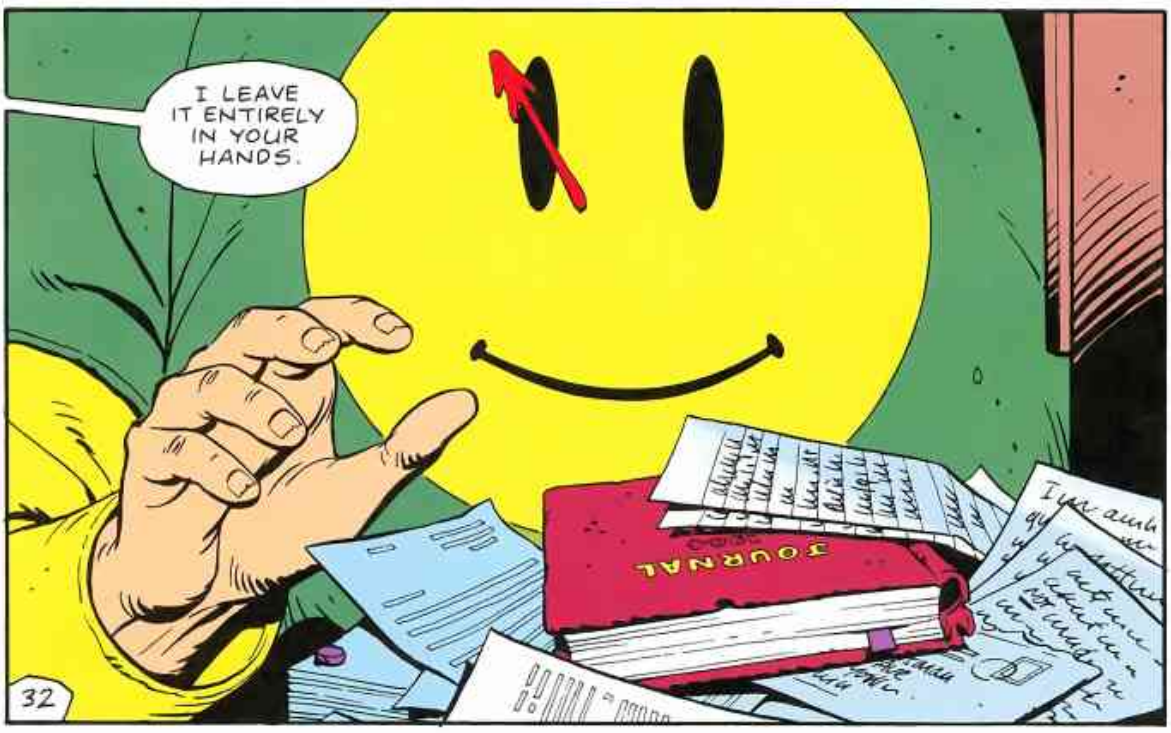

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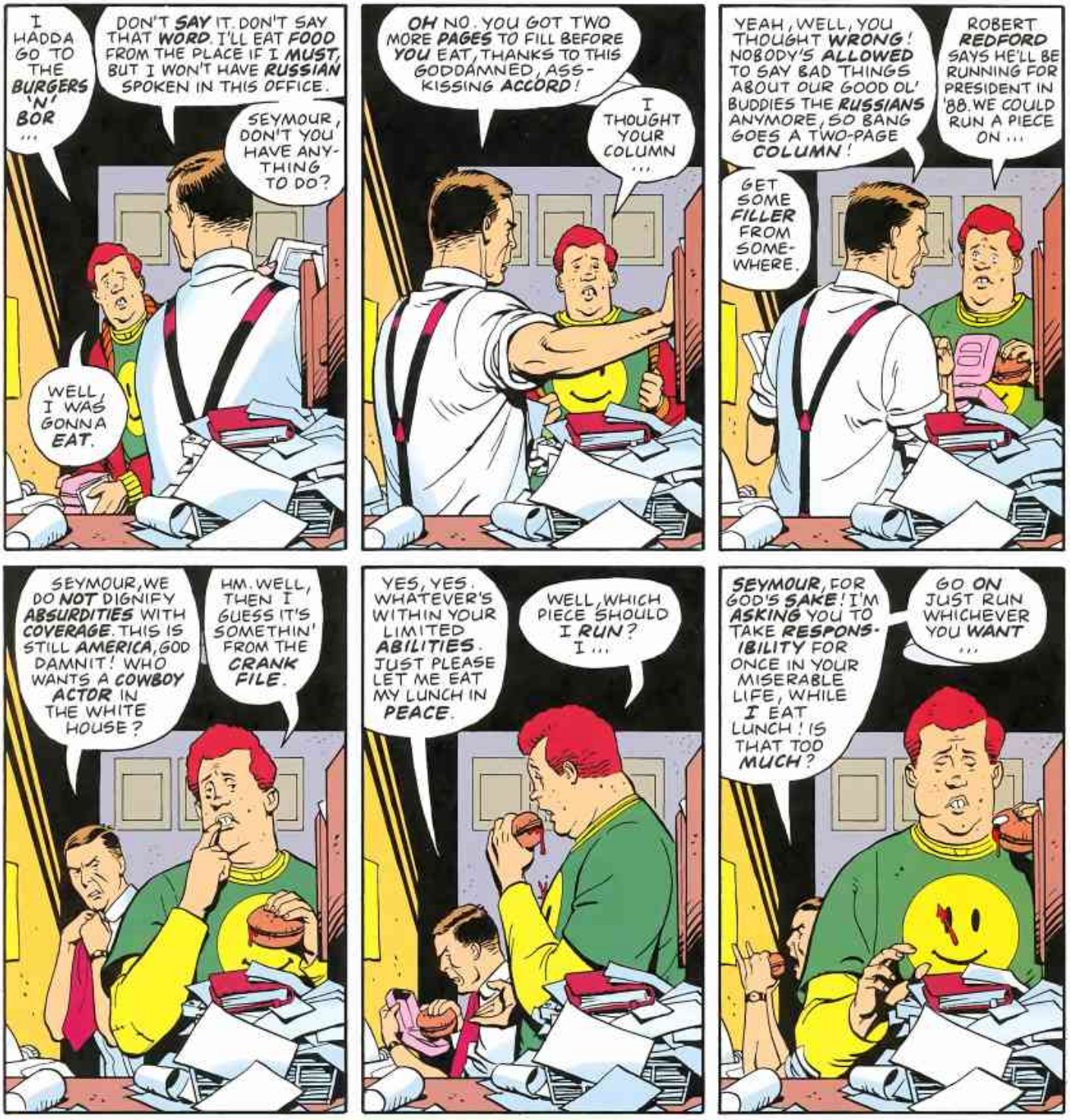
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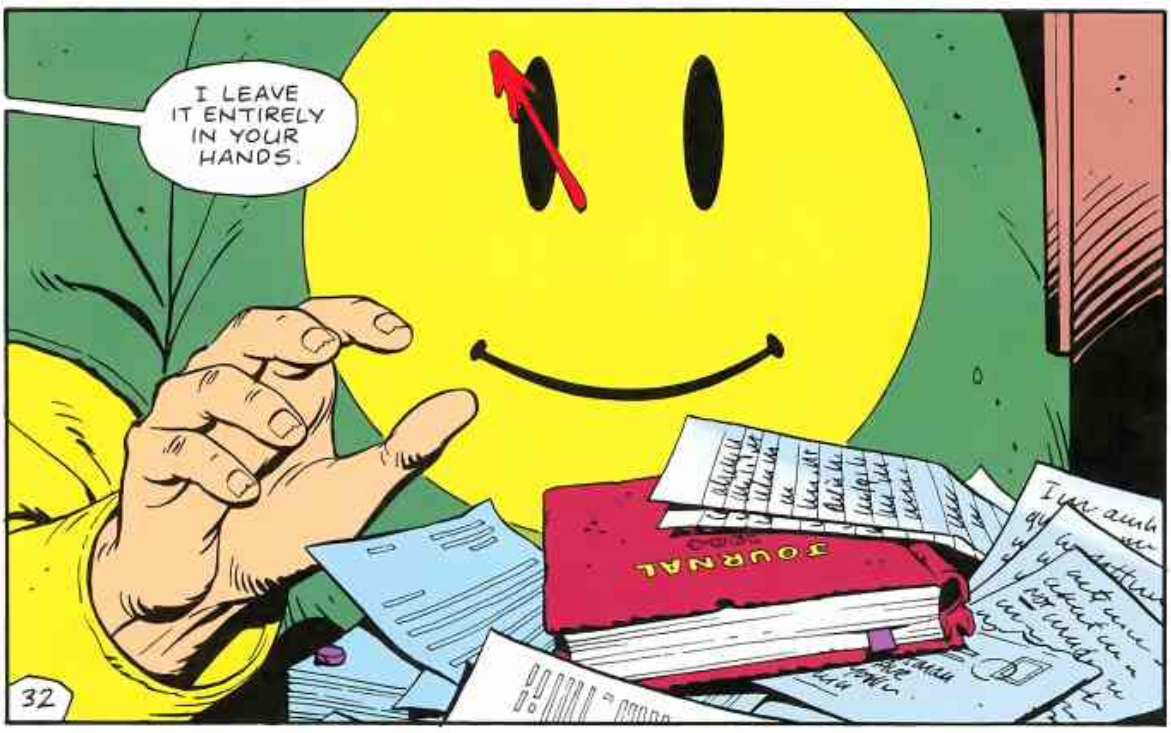

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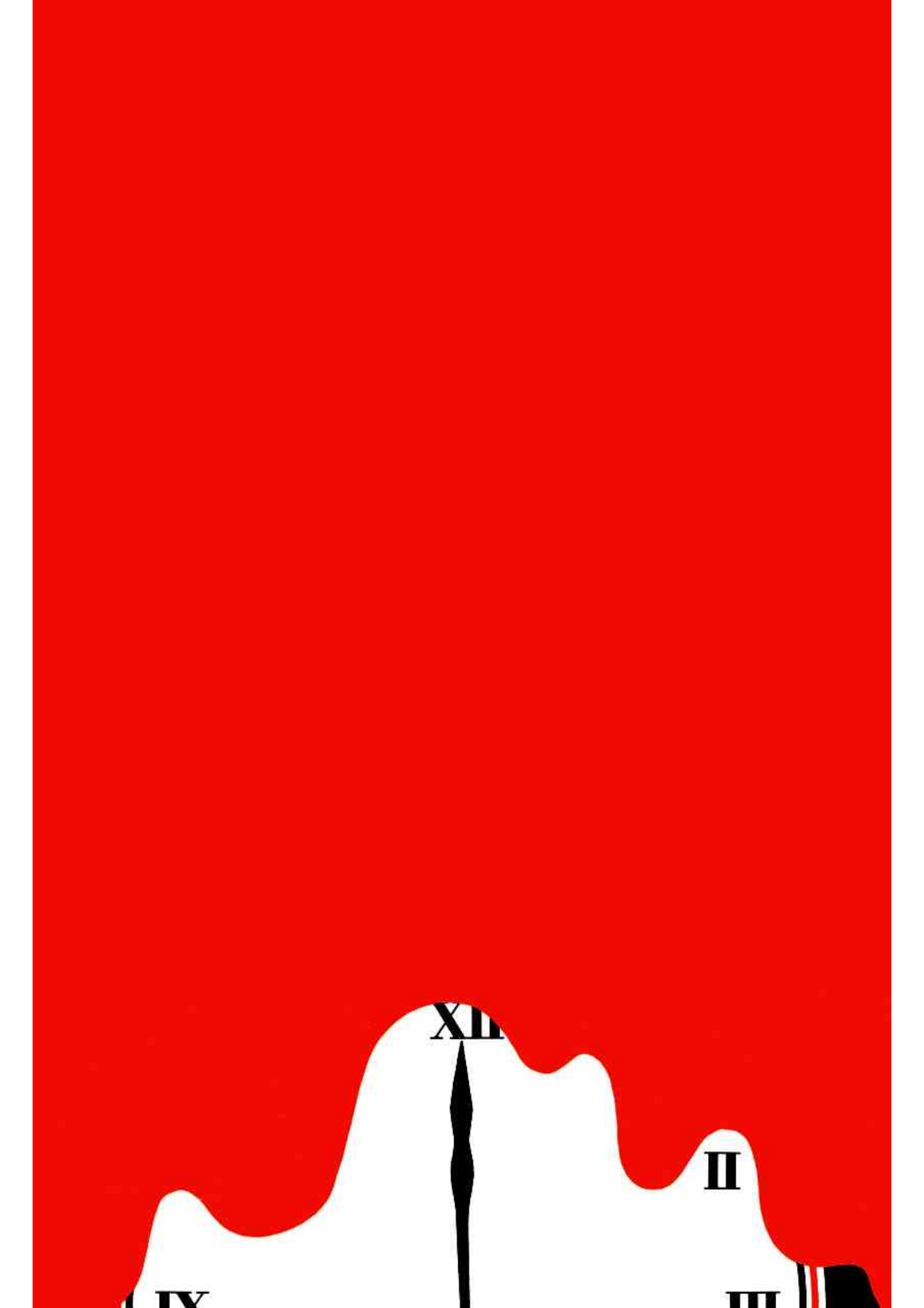
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